

**BETHESDA  
OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES**

a ministry of  
Evangelical Baptist Missions



*"There is one body  
and one Spirit –  
just as you were called  
to one hope when you  
were called –  
one Lord, one faith,  
one baptism, one God  
and Father of all, who  
is over all and through  
all and in all.  
From him the whole  
body, joined and held  
together by every  
supporting ligament,  
grows and builds itself  
up in love, as each  
part does its work."  
Ephesians 4:4,16*

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# Raised to Praise



## August 2006 Newsletter

### A Word from the Director

What an incredible provision God has made for His children through our adoption into the family of Christ! In this family, we are given the opportunity to learn, grow, encourage and be encouraged, and together bring honor and glory to our God. When faced with the world's increasing tendency toward individualism, it is good to be reminded that God created us to serve Him with the unique gifts He has given each of us. In this way, we are able to join together in unity with other believers to carry out His purpose.

Lois and I have been encouraged as we have studied this topic and want to model unity in Christ. What a blessing it is when we as believers work together, having a common goal, to see our Savior glorified. Striving for unity is not just for the good of us on a personal level, but for the good of others, our Bethesda Team, and ultimately to be most effective in carrying out God's purpose for this ministry.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you some new Bethesda team members. After careful evaluation interviews

in doctrine, personal life, testimony, and passion in ministry, the EBM board announced the appointment of Roger and Carol Cryan and Nicole Scarberry to Bethesda Outreach Ministries. What a blessing it was to be with them on July 31 at the EBM Enrichment Conference when they were officially appointed.

Please pray with us for the Cryans and Nicole. It is their heart's desire to serve in their new roles as soon as possible. Pray for receptive contacts and fruitful ministry in the months ahead. We are looking forward to great things happening in the future.

For his glory,

*John*  
FOR THE  
BETHESDA TEAM

*Please feel free to contact Roger, Carol, and Nicole to encourage them in their new ministry:*

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## Around the World in Seven Days

Each child in Miss Hobb's Grade 4-6 class recently had the opportunity to do an in-depth study of a country and then present it to their classmates and family.

The kids dove into the assignment with gusto and enjoyed presenting their nation of choice in a variety of creative ways.

Eleven-year-old Neo Maema introduced the country of Greece by holding a school-wide Olympics where each group of students represented a different nation. What an exciting way to visit ancient Athens!

Margaret Mokone, in sixth grade, writes, "I learned in Greece they are the first people to play Olympics. They speak Demotic Greek. They have a very cold weather and there is snow. I learned that the capital city is Athens, and that Greece is nearly surrounded by water. They eat very spicy things and they mix up food. They also dance in their celebrations and they love to celebrate special days."



Some of the maps, flags, and artwork done by the students to present their country project.

## Staff Spotlight: An Introduction to Elizabeth Maboea



"Ma'am Maboea," as she's affectionately known by her students, began teaching at Bethesda in January 2005. Elizabeth came to Bethesda with 26 years of experience and a great talent for teaching children and discipling them in the ways of Christ. She is no stranger to ministry; her and her family ministered as missionaries in Namibia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Lesotho before settling back into their home in South Africa. Elizabeth's husband passed away in 1994, and in 2005 the Lord blessed her with a new marriage to Joseph, a full-time evangelist. Elizabeth has three grown daughters and a son that is finishing up his last year of high school.

Elizabeth teaches Grades 1-3 at Bethesda's Jabulane Christian Academy, and says that her love for the children, as well as "the privilege and freedom of putting Proverbs 22:6 into practice, and working with God fearing colleagues who live Galatians 5:22-23 and observe John 15:5," are what excite her most about the ministry of Bethesda.

Many of you have recently been praying for Elizabeth and Joseph, who were involved in a car accident that claimed the life of Joseph's sister four weeks ago. Elizabeth says, "Thank you so very much for your prayers and encouragement during our time of tragedy. Ruth and Jacy acted without delay after they received the news... they wept with us, spent the day at the hospital caring for our needs. I am back to school now, catching a ride with Klaas or Dana. My car is a write-off and I depend on the Lord whose mercies never come to an end, for another car. God bless you all. Once more, thanks." Joseph still lacks much of the feeling in both arms and one leg, and we ask that you pray that God would restore him to complete health, and provide for his and Elizabeth's financial needs that have arisen from the accident.



## How Does Your Garden Grow?

### The Beginning of Bethesda's Agricultural Project

While practiced by many as a hobby, the ability to garden may just save your life. Especially if you live in South Africa, where the unemployment rate is over 30%, and money for store-bought food may be hard to come by. In the month of May, we were thrilled to begin teaching our grades 4-6 children about subsistence and entrepreneurial gardening by giving them each their own garden plots to plant and care for.



Frans Manaka, who recently became Bethesda's Administrator of Facilities and Grounds and has been gardening since he was a boy, gives the children a lesson in agriculture each week. They have been learning about soil, nutrition, and the different types of natural gas required by the plants to grow. Each child enjoyed painting an identifying stake and then planted various vegetable seedlings. It's been fun to see them jump in with a vivacious, enthusiastic spirit to create their own gardens and take responsibility each day for weeding and watering. The kids have recently started reaping the "vegetables" of their labor as they bring lettuce, beetroot, and other delicious victuals home to mom. We're eager to see them begin selling and sharing their produce with others as the months continue.



We're currently seeking funding from South African companies to install a borehole that will provide the necessary water to expand the agricultural project to include more gardens and a citrus orchard. Being able to both help the needy in the community while also teaching our children entrepreneurship through agriculture has been a great blessing. We're so thankful for you who gave so generously to assist us in the start of this "growing" agricultural experience!

## From the Lips of Children

Each of our houseparents enjoys going through training on Biblical Discipline, in which we use some excellent material by author Tedd Tripp.

One illustration they often use with their children is that called "The Circle of Blessing." They explain to the kids that when we are obedient, we are inside the circle and receive blessing, but when we disobey, we

step outside the circle and receive unhappy consequences. Six-year-old Lerato had been involved in deep conversations regarding this illustration by the time she started school.

One day while helping Lerato with homework, her mother read a sentence clue for the vocabulary word, "bad." Lerato was to write it

on her paper after guessing the word using the following clue: "This word is the opposite of good." She needed a bit of help with that, so her mother prodded, "It's what you are when you're not being good."

Lerato promptly and confidently replied, "Outside the circle." ☺☺☺



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## Compassionate Care for African Orphans

Bethesda Outreach, a ministry of Evangelical Baptist Missions, was born in October of 2000 out of a desire to show compassion to children in Africa who had been orphaned by AIDS.

Bethesda's mission is to encourage and assist the local church in meeting the needs of orphan children that they may become disciples of Christ. That mission is accomplished through Bethesda's Children's Village, Orphan Care Resource Centre, and Hands of Mercy Ministry.

Bethesda Outreach Ministries is registered as a non-profit organization.

For more information, please visit our website at  
[www.bethesdaoutreach.org](http://www.bethesdaoutreach.org).

## Photo's: Administration Building Construction



## Opportunities

### Capital Project Needs

- Phase 3 Construction:  
R 1,400,000 (\$233,350)
- Village Road Construction:  
R 480,000 (\$80,000)
- Combie (2 needed):  
R 220,000 (\$36,670)/each
- Tractor with Equipment:  
R 120,000 (\$20,000)
- Security for Admin Bldg:  
R 10,000 (\$1670)

### Children's Home Needs

- (for donors living in South Africa)
- Non-perishable food items



## Calendar of Events

### 25 September

- SA Public Holiday  
(Heritage Day)  
Office closed

### 13 October

- Annual General Meeting

### 14 October

- OPEN DAY  
—for everyone! Come  
learn about Bethesda and  
take a tour through our  
school & homes!